

City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

Caressa Givens, Chair
Kevin Kuschel (DCD), Vice-Chair
Mitchell Henke, Montavius Jones, Claude Krawczyk,
Nicholas La Joie, Daniel Roufus (MPD), Cinthia Téllez, Andy Tillman

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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting commenced at 4:33 PM.

Members Present 7 – Givens, Kuschel, Henke, Jones, La Joie, Krawczyk

Members Excused 2 – Téllez, Roufus, Tillman

Other Attendees – Mike Amsden (DPW Multimodal), Kathleen Brengosz (Legislative Reference Bureau), Danitra (guest), Luiz Guzman (guest), James Hughes (guest), Jake Newborn (guest), Brian Peters (guest), Rebecca Rabatin (DOA-ADA Coordinator), Danielle Rodriguez (DPW Operations Director), Christopher Squires (WisDOT), Erika Shepard (WisDOT), Jessica Wineberg (Milwaukee County Parks)

2. Approval of Minutes from June meeting (2:40)

Motion to approve minutes for June 2021 meeting was approved (Motion: Givens; Second: Kuschel)

3. Update on Community Meetings and Events (3:00)

Givens informed participants of several upcoming events including: Lincoln Creek Bike and Hike Event – July 10, Hosted by Nearby Nature Milwaukee; Latinx Artist Collective LUNA MKE, 16th Street; and Milwaukee Safe and Healthy Streets June 10-11th – midblock mural painting on E. Washington Street. Givens also mentioned the 2 day summit on the built environment and what is being done to increase safety. That summit was attended by Healthy Streets, DPW, community leaders, and residents.

4. Update from the Policy & Programs working group and discussion with Danielle Rodriguez (DPW Operations Director) regarding sidewalk snow removal (6:04)

La Joie informed the task force of the working group's meeting held on June 21st the group also discussed how snow and ice removal is a priority especially for vulnerable users in the meeting. La Joie brought up the Call to Action Letter which was sent to the city in 2015 to consider improving snow and ice removal and address the issue of removal not being done in time. He also brought up the second letter drafted in 2020 which was not sent (2 letters at the time, one about improving snow and ice removal and another expressing the effects on people with disabilities).

Danielle Rodriguez was introduced as DPW Operations Director and expressed intentions to find creative solutions to the snow and ice removal problem. Rodriguez asked the group what their priorities are and what success looks like and was interested in what short and long term goals looked like for the group.

The group discussed long and short term goals ranging from citywide snow removal using city equipment, different methods of enforcing snow removal, public outreach to inform residents of their responsibilities, and DPW training programs where white cane and wheelchair user's needs are addressed. Rodriguez was eager to work with the group to come up with creative solutions.

5. Update from the Membership & Bylaws working group (1:05:10)

Kuschel discussed the membership and bylaws of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and potential changes and asked the group to share their thoughts on how they thought membership of the group should work, including term limits, removing inactive members, and recruitment of new members. The group discussed possible positives and negatives of potential

changes. Kuschel further asked how the group felt about city staff being non-voting members. Givens thought non-voting city advisors would be helpful to make it a more resident based group.

6. Community Dialogue

The group held the item to discuss at a future meeting.

7. Adjourn (1:35:45)

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM (Motion: Givens; Second: Jones)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/HfqGG7sITxg>

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